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1. RE REFTTEL, THE U.S. NATIONAL GROUP HAS NOMINATED PROFESSOR RICHARD BAXTER OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE ICJ. EMBOFF SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS IN AUSTRALIAN DFA THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GROUP AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA FOR PROFESSOR BAXTER'S CANDIDACY.

2. PROF. BAXTER WAS BORN FEBRUARY 24, 1921. HE ATTENDED HARVARD LAW SCHOOL. HE HAS SERVED AS COUNSELOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAS BEEN ON U.S. DELEGATIONS TO THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN 1974 AND TO CONFERENCES ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW. HE UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS LECTURED AT INSTITUTES IN CANADA, UK, FRG, POLAND, SWEDEN, BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS, SWITZERLAND, EGYPT AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND HAS WRITTEN A VARIETY OF BOOKS AND ARTICLES ON TOPICS CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL LAW. COMPLETE BIOGRAPHY IS BEING POUCHED. VANCE

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